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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5431

INFO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE PRIORITY

USCINCEUR PRIORITY

USCINCRD MACDILL AFB PRIORITY

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AFDROUGHT

ROME FOR FODAG PASS OSRO; PARIS FOR HELMAN; EC BRUSSELS
FOR MARTIN

AIDAC

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: CHAD AIRLIFT

REF: STATE 171757

1. BELIEVE FMG WOULD READILY APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE AIRLIFT FROM
MAIDUGURI, PARTICULARLY IF KNOW THIS DESIRED BY CHADIANS. PAST
FMG SYMPATHY/SUPPORT SAHEL PROBLEM, MANIFESTED INTER ALIA
BY TOKEN GRANTS AND FULL COOPERATION GRAIN TRANSSHIPMENTS VIA
VARIOUS MODES THROUGH NIGERIA (INCLUDING AIRLIFTS BY GERAMNS,
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BELGIANS, BRITISH AND CANADIANS FROM LAGOS AND KANO) TENDS

SUPPORT THIS ASSESSMENT.

2. THERE MAY BE RESERAVATIONS, HOWEVER, RELATED TO TWO ASPECTS
OF PROPOSAL:

FIRST RELATES TO CONSPICUOUS AMERICAN PRESENCE ASDETERMINED BY SIZE
OF OPERATION, I.E., NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, AIRCRAFT, ETC.

SECOND CONCERNS PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS MAIDUGURI AIRPORT
AND POSSIBLE FEAR OF PERMANENT DAMAGE. NOTE, FOR
EXAMPLE, NIGERIAN AIRWAYS DOES NOTOPERATE 737S
INTO MAIDUGURI DUE TO LIMITED LOAD BEARING CAPACITY RUNWAY.

ASSESSMENT OF ANY DIFFICULTY RELATING TO ABOVE POINTS CAN BE MADE
ONLY AFTER SPECIFICS DEVELOPED AND DISCUSSED WITH NIGERIANS.

3. IF DECISION MADE MOVE FORWARD, WE WOULD PROPOSE RESIDENT
FAO OR WFP REPRESENTATIVE MAKE INITIAL OVERTURES.

4. ADVISE.

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